



ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP

Bureau of Indian Affairs (Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Regions)
Bureau of Land Management (Colorado and Wyoming)
Fish and Wildlife Service (Mountain/Prairie Region)
Forest Service (Rocky Mountain Region)
National Park Service (Intermountain and Midwest Regions)
State Agencies in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas

Minutes of Conference Call October 6, 2011, 09:30

In Attendance:

Facilitator Jim Fletcher
Business Manager Brooke Malcolm

Members

Bill Ott
Jeff Fedrizzi
Ron Graham
Clair Brown (for Rich Homann)
Blair Dunn (for Joe Lowe)
Dave Carter
Todd Richardson (for Ken Kerr)
Bob Jones
Dave Hall
Mike Davin
Cal Pino

Guests

Kelly Kane
Dave Lucas
Beverly Derringer

Unavailable

Joe Lowe
Rich Homann
Ken Kerr
Ross Hauck
Don Westover

1. IBC Information

Dave Lucas/Beverly Derringer

- Overview of issue regarding proposed split of Rocky-Basin Incident Business Committee into two committees.
 - Discussed in IB Committee conference calls (including one with voting members only on August 25). Motion was tabled until further information and issue papers were reviewed.
 - Presented to the Great Basin Coordinating Group for decision on November 8.
 - Justification for proposal includes membership size and the related inefficiency of current committee.
 - Additionally, travel caps prevent committee members from attending regular meetings of shared committee.
- Committee made recommendations and issue was slated to be discussed in preparation for next fire season, but discussion was preempted by the escalation of the issue to the GBCG.
- No consensus exists on the issue between the federal or state members; proposed split appears to be coming from two federal committee members in the Great Basin Geographic Area.
- Ott suggested that virtual meetings and conference calls can alleviate the costs of travel to & from meetings.

- Richardson stated that the Committee charter should provide guidance regarding committee size and procedures. Additionally, this seems to be in violation of proper procedures for addressing issues.
- It was decided that a joint decision needs to be made between RMCG & GBCG. Chairs should be in contact to coordinate the discussion.

Next Action: Issue Paper and recommendations will be discussed at RMCG Fall Meeting. GBCG Chairperson contact information was delivered to Bob Jones for initiation of discussion.

2. Ops Committee Report-Out (IC Selections)

Kelly Kane/Jeff Fedrizzi

- Ops Committee met to discuss IC applications:
 - Type 1 IC: Hahnenberg
 - Type 1 IC Trainees: Blume & Pechota
 - Type 2 IC: Richardson, Pechota, Hahnenberg, Hatcher, Lowe, Blume
 - Type 2 Deputy IC: Frery, Lowe
 - Type 2 IC Trainees: DelGrasso, Russell, Giacoletto, Powell, Greer, Wittimore, Carter, Dallas
- Discussion yielded 2 recommendations to RMCG:

<p><u>Recommendation A:</u> Type 1 IC Hahnenberg with Trainee Blume Type 2 ICs Pechota, Richardson, Hatcher</p>	<p><u>Recommendation B:</u> Type 1 IC Hahnenberg with Trainee Pechota Type 2 ICs Blume, Richardson, Hatcher</p>
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- Blair Dunn voiced State of South Dakota's preference that Team C IC be physically located in the State of South Dakota.
- Ops Committee reported equal support for both Blume & Pechota, excepting that Blume has completed 520, and Pechota will be completing that course this fall. Task book completion is comparable for both candidates.
- It was reiterated that the Ops Committee's recommendations were not intended to place one candidate for the Type 1 IC Trainee position above the other. The intent was to provide two recommendations to RMCG for consideration.
- There was lengthy discussion regarding the necessity to come to an agreement on the issue, as the deadline for selection outlined in the Mob Guide was Sept. 30. Dissenting opinions included the need for proper succession planning, and the involvement of the State of South Dakota in determining the structure of Type 2 Teams and their management and oversight.
- Kane & Richardson also emphasized that the preferences of the candidates should weigh heavily on the decision, as both Blume and Pechota prefer appointments as Type 2 ICs.
- A consensus on the issue was not reached, and the issue was tabled until executive direction could be solicited. The vote for Type 1 IC Trainee was: Blume – 7, Pechota – 1, Postpone Vote to Lander – 2, Recused – 1.
- It was agreed that the issue should be elevated to the Executive Committee to request a decision about the future structure of the RMA Type 2 Teams. With direction from the Executive Committee, the issue will be revisited at the Fall Meeting.

Decision: A consensus was reached to award Type 1 IC position to Bill Hahnenberg.

Next Actions:

- The issue has been placed on the agenda for the Fall Meeting for further discussion and decision.
- Ott, Dunn, and Jones tasked with coordination of briefing (including input from Ops Committee) for presentation/communication to Executive Committee.

- Executive Committee contact information was forwarded via e-mail to Bill Crapser on 10/6 for initiation of contact and request for direction.
- All RMCG members were requested to review the Ops Committee's documents re: IMT application forms for comment & approval at Fall Meeting.

3. **FAST Team Report-Out**

Mike Davin

- FAST Team completed review and did closeout in September.
- FAST Team Final Report was distributed to the RMCG on Sept. 29.
- RMCG members are requested to distribute the report to line officers & FMOs for completion and action on action log.

Resolution: This concludes RMCG involvement in this matter. CLOSED.

Next Actions:

- Item added to Action Log for follow-up this winter.
- Item added to agenda for Fall Meeting to discuss FAST Team activation.

4. **Overview of All-Hazard ICT3 Presentation**

Jim Fletcher

- Fall Meeting agenda item facilitated by Jim Krugman.
- Documents distributed to RMCG members re: NWCG direction on Type 3 ICTs for all-hazard incidents.

Next Action:

- For Fall Meeting: RMCG members asked to be prepared to discuss RMA interpretation of NWCG direction and implementation of the plan in the RMA.

5. **Fall Meeting Updates**

Bob Jones

- Fall Meeting to be held at Holiday Inn Express in Lander, WY.
- October 17th & 20th will be travel days with the meeting taking place on the 18th & 19th.
- Meeting room arranged, but may need a better conference phone.
- Ops Committee will be meeting at the Lander Forest Service offices. Request a Forest Service representative to lock building when finished. Kelly Kane will coordinate with local FS to arrange.
- BIA in Riverton will arrange airport pickups for those flying in to Riverton.
- Question was raised whether the ICT closeouts with Ops Committee and RMCG can take place at the same time to streamline.

Next Actions:

- Fletcher will provide a conference phone for the Holiday Inn conference room.
- Kelly Kane will coordinate with Hermanson to develop plan for ICT closeouts & report back to ICs directly.

6. **Spring Meeting Plans**

Jim Fletcher

- Ken Kerr provided information on Spring Meeting to take place April 2-6, 2012 in Grand Junction at the Doubletree Hotel.
- More details will be addressed at the Fall Meeting.

7. Action Log

Jim Fletcher/Brooke Malcolm

- Succession Plan: Fletcher will follow up with Ott.
- Review of RMCG Operating Guide: Davin confirmed completion.
- Ops Committee Charter: Completed.
- RMCG Powerpoint: Completed & presented at Spring Meeting.
- AOP Funding for Colorado Dispatch Centers: Ongoing.
- Update RMCC Org Chart: Completed.
- Additional Depth of IMT2: With Succession Plan.
- Adding Buying Teams to the IMT Evaluation Form: Will discuss at Fall Meeting.
- Team C Issue Paper: Currently in discussion.
- Training Committee Charter updates: Fletcher will follow up with Hauk.
- Info/Ed Committee Charter updates: Completed.

Additional Discussion:

- Fedrizzi requested a Fall Meeting agenda item be added to discuss prioritization and support for IC Trainees to go out of area.
- Davin requested that RMCG Business Plan be added to Winter agenda for discussion in January.